

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any easement purchased by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation before the effective date of this Act.

~~SECTION 2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 468

(House Bill 673)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Fishing Pound Nets – Distance Requirement

FOR the purpose of increasing the distance from the shoreline that a person may fish in the Gunpowder River in certain locations at certain times.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 4-721(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Natural Resources

4-721.

(c) A person may not fish a pound net in any part of the Gunpowder and Bush rivers lying in Harford County further than [750 feet from the shoreline] 1,500 FEET FROM THE SHORELINE OF THE GUNPOWDER RIVER BELOW MAXWELL POINT AT MEAN LOW WATER TIDE AND 750 FEET FROM THE SHORELINE OF THE BUSH RIVER at mean low water tide.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.